

Depart of Health Education and Training (DHET)

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Greetings to all AMSC officers from the Department of Health Education and Training (DHET). For those of you who are new to the Corps or not aware of what we do in DHET, let me tell you about us. Each corps within the medical department has an officer assigned to DHET to facilitate the education and development of our military personnel. The mission of DHET is *'to sustain education and training for the career AMEDD soldier throughout his life cycle; developing policies in adherence to accreditation standards; ensuring programs are relevant and current to DoD and homeland security missions; manage quotas and funds for these missions and ensuring the optimal health and readiness of the force.'* This training includes long-term education in the form of advanced degree programs and residencies leading to specialty skill identifiers as well as professional postgraduate short course program, training with industry, and training from other federal agencies. The development of individuals is tied to the needs of the Army, and the numbers trained are a reflection of those assessed needs.

Although it is early summer, the message for next year's (FY05, AY06) long term health education training will soon be released. The message will include important information regarding requirements for application for both the degree and residency training programs. The needs of the Corps vary each year therefore the specific programs you may apply for will be specified in the message. Examples of previous degree programs and residencies are:

PhD programs: 65A

PhD programs: 65B

Masters and PhD programs: 65C

Masters and PhD programs: 65D

Orthopedic, perfusion, and ER residencies: 65D

Sports medicine and orthopedic doctoral programs: 65B

Pertinent information for these programs is: First contact HRC to ascertain whether any type of waiver is required. After HRC's evaluation and waiver determination, you may submit an approval request to your AOC chief. If a waiver is required, then both the AOC and SP Corps chiefs must concur with your request for waiver. When you receive this approval, then you may submit your packet to DHET. Additionally, make sure you take the GRE exam early enough to meet the submission guidelines. (GREs are current for 5 years.) All forms required for packet submission will be included in the message.

We will also soon release the list and dates for the FY05 Professional Postgraduate Short Courses Program (PPSCP). (Courses will be listed on the SP website.) Tentative course offerings include the following:

MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS

COL KERSEY NEUROMUSCULOSKELETAL

EVALUATION COURSE

OCT 11-22, 04

SAN ANTONIO

LTC MOORE

471-7566

ER MEDICINE PA BASIC SKILLS CRS

OCT 31-NOV 13, 04

MAMC, WA

CPT SMITH

782-0599

PA READINESS & RECERTIFICATION

PREPARATION SYMPOSIUM

NOV 1-5, 04

SAN ANTONIO

CPT ARCHER

221-7896

ADV NUTRITION SUPPORT IN FORCE HEALTH

PROTECTION	NOV 1-5 04	SAN ANTONIO	LTC PODOJIL	471-6344
EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF UPPER EXTREMITY CONDITIONS	NOV 8-19, 04	FORT BRAGG	LTC AMAKER	337-7383
ER MEDICINE PA BASIC SKILLS CRS	MAR 6-19, 05	MAMC, WA	CPT SMITH	782-0599
JOINT OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT COURSE	APR 4-8, 05	SAN ANTONIO	LTC MOORE	471-8410
JOINT FIELD NUTRITION OPERATIONS COURSE	APR 11-22, 05	CAMP BULLIS	CPT CRAIL	471-3284
ER MEDICINE PA BASIC SKILLS COURSE	MAY 1-14, 05	SAN ANTONIO	MAJ PETRAY	429-3598
MGT OF BURNS AND MULTIPLE TRAUMA	AUG 8-12, 05	SAN ANTONIO	CPT HEDMAN	429-1440
ER MEDICINE PA BASIC SKILLS COURSE	SEPT 11-24, 05	SAN ANTONIO	MAJ PETRAY	429-3598
EUROPEAN PA REFRESHER COURSE	TBD	POMMERSFE- LDEN, GE	LTC ZUGNER	
MARY LIPSCOMB HAMRICK RESEARCH CRS	TBA	NATICK, MA		256-4286
MGT OF COMBAT STRESS CASUALTIES	TBA	CAMP BULLIS		471-1440

The actual budget is still being formulated so some things may change. As of right now, the following pertinent information applies for all officers:

Short Course Attendance: Soldiers who wish to attend a short course must submit a DA 3838, Application for Professional Training. Applicants are encouraged to seek local funding before considering Central Funding. As Central Funds are limited, the number of those chosen to attend is limited. Therefore, locally funded applicants have an increased opportunity to attend. Currently, these applications are faxed to DHET (DSN: 471-2832 or 421-0379), but beginning with FY05 (October 1, 2004) applicants should send their 3838s to the course Project Officer. Approximately 30 days from the course's start, each AOC chief will select those who may attend the course. DHET will then send the fund sites for the preparation of orders.

Reserve Attendance: While there are course slots allotted for Reserve and National Guard soldiers for many PPSCP courses, there is no central funding for them. Reserves and NG can be funded for 5 days of CHE by HRC-St. Louis or National Guard Bureau once a year if the funds are available. These funds are primarily for IMAs, as units should fund their TPU members. However, HRC-STL may still fund TPU soldiers if their unit doesn't send them.

Funding for CGSC Two-Week Residency Sessions: These USAR option CGSC two-week sessions previously funded by DHET will no longer be funded centrally. It is the responsibility of the Soldier's local funding authority to pay for this TDY.

War College: Two-week residency sessions for those doing the Army War College Distance Education Course, are NOT Centrally Funded. The Soldier should seek local funding for these sessions.

Civilian Attendees in PPSCP courses: Civilian attendees of PPSCP courses do not receive Central Funding for attendance. However, they may attend with local funding if spaces are available in the course. Contact the course Project Officer with requests.

Finally, let me say thank you to LTC Rod Kuwamoto the outgoing SP/Vet Corps DHET staff officer. LTC Kuwamoto is retiring after 37 years in the U.S. Army. As a medic and physician assistant in the Special Forces, his career spanned from Viet Nam to Desert Storm to his current assignment where his expertise and knowledge of training requirements have been invaluable to facilitating the training needs of the force. LTC Kuwamoto's experience and knowledge will be missed.

I look forward to assisting all of you with your training needs.

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